

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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(Prime Minister; Ministries of Atomic Energy; Coal; Commerce and Industry; Communications; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Earth Sciences; Electronics and Information Technology; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Railways; Science and Technology; Space; Steel; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Textiles)

(प्रधान मंत्री; परमाणु ऊर्जा; कोयला; वाणिज्य और उद्योग; संचार; उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण; पृथ्वी विज्ञान; इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; खान; संसदीय कार्य; कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी; अंतरिक्ष; इस्पात; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन; वस्त्र मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

PMGDISHA

*41. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI
THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of rural households that have been covered under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyaan (PMGDISHA) out of the six crore rural households;

(b) whether marginalised sections of the society including Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs), women, differently-abled persons, etc. have been enrolled and certified and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Standing Committee on Information Technology emphasised the need to scale up and also conduct quality impact assessments of PMGDISHA and other digital literacy programmes; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Track Electrification Projects

*42. MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to fast track railway lines electrification projects in the country in view of rising expenditure on fuel;

(b) if so, the details and present status of ongoing projects, State-wise;

(c) the details of the targets achieved so far, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to expedite the projects, State-wise?

Mini LPG Cylinders

*43. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:
SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Oil Marketing Companies to sell mini LPG cylinders through ration/fair price shops in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this has been implemented in a pilot mode in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Container Manufacturing Facility

*44. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:
SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that Andhra Pradesh has 170 million tonnes cargo turnover which is second only to Gujarat in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government has any plans of setting up a container manufacturing facility in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rolling Auctions

*45. SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:
DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced a mechanism of rolling auctions to expedite the auction process in the coal mining sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any new mines have been identified to become a part of this rolling auction process; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Anti-dumping Duty

*46. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) has observed the need for imposing anti-dumping duty on goods and services that are imported to protect the local goods and services;

(b) if so, the details of such observations during the past five years;

(c) whether all such observations by DGTR have been implemented;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Social Registry

*47. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is developing a National Social Registry;

(b) if so, the objectives of developing and maintaining the National Social Registry;

(c) the citizen-related details that the Government proposes to store in the National Social Registry;

(d) whether the Government is aware of the Supreme Court's observations in the case of Puttaswamy vs. Union of India that the profiling of citizens by the State could result in discrimination based on religion, ethnicity and caste; and

(e) the measures that the Government is adopting to check the breach and misuse of data in the Registry?

Communication Services in Rural Areas

†*48. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the mobile, internet along with the other telecommunication services in the rural areas of the country are not satisfactory;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such areas in Rajasthan where telecommunication services are poor and the Government's response thereto;

(c) whether the Government proposes to resolve the said situation in such areas and has taken steps in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has plans to install mobile towers at various places in Churu Parliamentary Constituency as per the demand and need of the mobile facility and if so, the location-wise details thereof?

Pehchan Yojana

*49. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of 'Pehchan' yojana launched for registering handicraft artisans in the entire country in the year 2016;

(b) the number of artisans registered under the said scheme so far, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any provision to provide financial benefit/assistance to these registered handicraft artisans under the said scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of artisans benefitted so far; and

(e) the details of other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the financial position of artisans in the country?

Diversion of Foodgrains for Ethanol

*50. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had taken any decision to increase the diversion of foodgrains and sugarcane for ethanol production by reducing per capita foodgrains availability;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether detailed discussions have been undertaken with the stakeholders and food safety experts on the implications of this increase in the magnitude of hunger;

(d) if so, the steps taken for foodgrains stock availability as per the norms; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of DMF

*51. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether District Mineral Foundation (DMF) has been set up in Maharashtra as per new order of the Ministry dated 23 April, 2021;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the details of the works carried out so far under the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) for the welfare of the affected people in the State, particularly in Wardha and Amaravati districts during the last five years?

Advertising on OTT

*52. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the advertising industry regulator, the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) proposes to set up a task force to monitor and regulate advertising on over-the-top (OTT) streaming platforms such as Amazon, Netflix, etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is working with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) to form guidelines and processes to monitor advertising on these platforms and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ASCI is also working closely in partnership with the Government entities like Central Consumer Protection Authority, Ministry of I&B, Ministry of AYUSH, etc. to fine-tune existing guidelines and formulate new ones and if so, the progress made in this direction; and

(d) whether the regulatory body also proposes to set up a taskforce to scrutinize brand promotions weaved in content programming claiming health or immunity benefits and if so, the details thereof?

Private Sector Investment

*53. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of investment made by the private sector in new projects since 2019, year-wise;

(b) whether there has been a decline in new private sector investment in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ROB at Sandila Railway Station

†*54. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether, after completing all the formalities by the State Government regarding construction of an Over Bridge at Sandila Railway Station in Hardoi district under Misrikh(UP) Parliamentary Constituency, the Principal Secretary, Public Works Department, Section-II has requested the General Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi *vide* letter dated 15 December,2020 to include the said Rail Over Bridge in the railway works programme and apprise the State Government regarding approval of the Railways and cost sharing in construction of the said Rail Over Bridge;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether requests have also been received through public representatives in this regard during the last one year and the current year till date; and

(d) if so, the up to date status of the action taken in this regard?

Coal Shortage

*55. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the coal shortage being experienced by the thermal power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the shortage;

(c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for making available sufficient coal to run the power plants in the State;

(d) if so, the response of the Union Government in this regard; and

(e) the remedial measures being taken by the Government to alleviate the coal shortage and to meet the demand in the country?

Startup India Scheme

†*56. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Startup India Scheme;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized so far in Maharashtra under the said scheme;

(c) the details of the targets fixed and achievements made so far;

(d) whether the Government has conducted workshops under this scheme in Maharashtra to encourage women entrepreneurship;

(e) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(f) the details of the outcome of these workshops?

Production Linked Incentive Scheme

*57. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced a Production Linked Incentive Scheme for enhancing manufacturing capabilities in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to provide financial assistance to the companies for establishing their units in backward States of the country; and

(c) the details of the companies which have established their units in collaboration with the Government of Bihar under the Production Linked Incentive Scheme, district-wise?

PM Gati Shakti Project

*58. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has launched a project called PM Gati Shakti to boost infra projects in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many ongoing infra projects in the country are stalled because of cost overrun due to the Government's inactive steps;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to complete the ongoing pending projects in a time bound manner; and

(d) the response received in review meetings held in connection with the stalled projects and the steps taken by the Government to address them?

Supply of Coal to Power Companies

†*59. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the quantity of coal supplied to power companies was more than the previous year and yet electricity production was affected due to shortage of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the responsibility for the lapse has been fixed; and

(d) the details of action taken against those found guilty?

Dedicated Freight Corridor Projects

*60. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Dedicated Freight Corridor Projects (DFC);

(b) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned and disbursed in the past five years and the current year for the purpose, State/ Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether cost has increased due to the slow pace of work related to these projects and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the acquisition of land between such corridors along with the details of land acquired and compensation and rehabilitation processes undertaken; and

(e) the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH
Secretary General

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